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GREEKS STORM ITAL STRONGHOLDS

NEWS OF FURTHER ITALIAN REVERSES IN ALBANIA AND AFRICA REACHED LONDON LAST NIGHT. THE GREEKS HAVE CAPTURED FORMIDABLE POINTS IN THEIR THRUST TOWARDS THE COAST; AND IN ERETREA BRITISH MOTORISED FORCES HAVE CUT THE ROAD LINKING TWO STRATEGIC TOWNS.

Dramatic accounts of these fresh Allied successes are given in the following cables:

ALBANIA:

Several heights which form part of the most formidable stronghold in Albania, where the defences were first organised by ex-King Zog of Albania, and later strengthened by the Italians, have been taken by a Greek Press Ministry statement broadcast by Athens Radio.

These heights, the Radio stated, are on the central sector in Albania, and were taken by the Greeks yesterday after bayonet charges.

The Italians fought stubbornly, but could not hold their ground in a series of Greek onslaughts.

Dislodged from their defences, the Italians fled in complete disorder. A large quantity of war material was taken, and a large number of wounded picked up.

Other successes have been reported from the coastal area in Albania, the Radio added.

Here, too, the Italians have retreated in disorder, it was stated. The Greeks, after pursuing them, took a line of high mountain peaks dominating the whole area.

The Greek Army is now advancing steadily toward objectives set by the Greek High Command," said the announcer.

TRIPOLI, THE LAST GOOD PORT THAT REMAINS TO ITALY IN NORTH AFRICA, WAS HEAVILY RAIDED BY THE RAF DURING FRIDAY NIGHT. SEVERAL TONS OF BOMBS WERE DROPPED AMONG SHIPS AND SEAPLANES IN THE HARBOUR.

A Cairo communiqué last night stated that an 8,000-ton merchant vessel was hit and set on fire. A 1,000-ton vessel was also hit, and another of 8,000 tons was damaged.

Bombs which burst among seaplanes destroyed one by fire and damaged others.

Further bombs straddled the southern mole and the seaplane beach, causing explosions which were followed by clouds of black smoke. Several fires were started on the customs quay and the railway. The raid was carried out in the face of intense A.A. fire.

In Libya, the enemy aerodrome at Barce was again heavily raided by both RAF fighters and bombers. Hundreds of high explosive and incendiary bombs were dropped. Bombs were seen bursting among the hangars, buildings and tents. The barracks received a direct hit, and two aircraft on the ground were set on fire.

Fighter aircraft which machine-gunned the aerodrome attacked concentrations of motor transport vehicles there.

An CR42 attacked by our fighters over the aerodrome, was chased and shot down in flames near Benghazi.

In Italian East Africa, fighter aircraft machine-gunned our S79 on the ground at Teranni, 25 miles S.E. of Amara, and destroyed three of them.

PILOTS OF THE RAF, ATTACKING AN IMPORTANT military camp south-west of Tepeleni, key-point of the Italian line in Albania, caught the enemy completely by surprise and inflicted considerable damage.

A RAF communiqué from Athens yesterday said that all our bombs fell within the target area.

Direct hits were made on a large building, which was seen in flames with black smoke issuing from it.

Enemy troops who came from their tents were machine-gunned from a low level. Their casualties must have been heavy.

All our aircraft returned safely.

MR. WILLKIE TO HURRY HOME

MR. WENDELL WILLKIE IS GOING BACK TO AMERICA THIS WEEK—EARLIER THAN HE EXPECTED—TO GIVE EVIDENCE BEFORE THE FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE OF THE U.S. SENATE, WHICH IS CONSIDERING PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT'S LEASE-AND-LEND BILL.

A cable from Secretary of State Mr. Cordell Hull, asking him to hurry back to give evidence, has caused Mr. Willkie to cancel his proposed visit to Scotland and Ireland.

The committee must convene by the 10th, Mr. Willkie said yesterday.

He had to leave England in the middle of next week.

George, chairman of the Foreign Relations Committee, and other members have also agreed to return and give evidence before the committee.

Before he leaves, Mr. Willkie is expected to meet a group of English authors.

MEAT RATION IS STILL UNCHANGED

Ministry of Food announced that the ration for this week will remain at one shilling and sixpence for adults and sevenpence for children under six.

400 AUXILIARY SHIPS FOR U.S. NAVY

Washington, Saturday.

President Roosevelt today signed emergency legislation authorizing the United States to build or acquire up to 400 auxiliary vessels and to expand shipyard, gun and armour production. Exchanges

Mummy's Little Sweetheart



84-Hour Week To Aid RAF PILOT THANKS WORKERS

A CURLY-HEADED young pilot officer, back from the battle of Sidi Barrani, stood behind a bench hastily covered with a Union Jack and talked to hundreds of aircraft workers.

"My squadron asked me to come along and tell you how grateful we are for the work you have been doing," he said. "We should have been unable to take our machines into the air if you had not worked so hard and so long."

You work hard here, and get no fun," he went on. "You get bombed, but we go up and get the fun."

The workers to whom the pilot was talking are making air filters for our planes in the East. But for these attachments the plane engines would be choked up with sand and the machines unable to fly.

These men and women are now working twelve hours a day, seven days a week.

Among them was sixty-five-year-old Charles Loft, who claimed to have helped make the first air filter for a plane.

"It gives me a lot of pleasure to work for the RAF," he said. "I have worked for thirty-seven hours a week, eating his meals on his bench as he worked."

Col. Knox Urges Speed U.S. PLANES

Washington, Saturday.

ADMITTING HIMSELF "GRATEFULLY WORRIED" AS TO WHETHER SUFFICIENT AMERICAN AID COULD REACH BRITAIN IN TIME, COL. KNOX, SECRETARY OF THE U.S. NAVY, TOLD THE SENATE FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE TODAY THAT THE FIRST TANGIBLE BENEFIT TO BRITAIN FROM THE LEASE-AND-LEND BILL WOULD BE A "MOST IMPORTANTLY" INCREASED FLOW OF AIRPLANES TO BRITAIN.

He said a very large percentage of the current aeroplane production was now going to Britain, but he declined to name a figure beyond asserting that all figures quoted by newspapers were merely estimates.

Replying to Senator Hiram Johnson, Colonel Knox said it was a paramount problem that Britain should get all the planes the United States was able to spare in increasing numbers.

He added: "I don't expect we will ever be repaid for it all. I don't care that it is a matter of secondary importance."

Urging immediate enactment of the Bill, Col. Knox was asked by the Republican leader, Senator Nye, "Can we not in time to save Britain if this awful crisis, pre- to pass?"

Answering the near future, Colonel Knox replied: "Frankly I don't know. I am tremendously worried."

Sensor Nye spoke of the potential strength of the Axis powers if they win the war, and inquired: "Do you really believe that there is danger?"

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CHURCHILL'S "WAR DERBY" WINNER!

Berlin, Saturday.

FOR Churchill's war only a Derby race that must be run," says Goebbels, propaganda minister, in an article in the German weekly newspaper, "Das Reich," quoted by the official German news agency.

"It is a tragedy for the British nation that it backs Churchill and it has linked its own fate with his."

"Churchill, however, will perish with the times and the times will follow him to his grave," Reuters.

LORD LLOYD—'ANXIETY'

It was announced last night that Lord Lloyd's condition gives rise to some anxiety, and he has been taken to a nursing home in London for examination.

BRIGADIERS FOR HOME GUARD

Colonel, Platoon Officer—2nd Lieutenant.

Officers will be appointed to command the Home Guard units in the rank appropriate to the appointments by which they are selected, and all officers of the higher command will be appointed to command the units as long as they retain their commissions in the Home Guard.

The age limit is restrictive, but the selection boards may, in exceptional cases, recommend the appointment of an officer over that age to be a Battalion Commander.

Voluntary resignations will be regarded as being held in abeyance until subject to three months' notice.

General officers commanding-in-chief will be requested to ensure that nominations of the higher commanders should be sent as early as possible to the War Office for approval.

JAPS ENCIRCLED, CHINESE CLAIM

Shanghai, Saturday.

It was officially claimed in Chungking, China's wartime capital today that the big Japanese offensive in Southern China, launched on cutting off 100,000 Chinese, has failed. The Chinese, it is stated, are now closing in on the Japanese forces.

On the other hand, the Japanese Command claims that the Chinese troops have been completely cut off and the offensive is progressing.—Reuters.

Hitler Demands African Base To Isolate Suez

DEMANDS WHICH HITLER WAS REPORTED TO HAVE MADE ON THE VICHY GOVERNMENT REVEAL THAT HIS STRATEGY IS TO SPLIT THE BRITISH MEDITERRANEAN FORCES IN TWO AND LEAVE MALTA AT THE MERCY OF THE AXIS.

Reliable information has reached the independent French news agency in France that Hitler has called for Petain's "active collaboration" in this war zone.

His object, though not specifically stated, is believed to be control of Bizerta, the important French naval base in Tunisia.

It is at the southern end of the channel between Sicily and the African coast. The northern end, already held by Hitler's dive-bombers, based on Catania.

With complete control of this channel Hitler could divide the Mediterranean in half, and cut off Gibraltar from the sea and Malta, situated slightly east of the Bizerta-Sicily channel, would be at once threatened by sea and air.

There is no sign yet that Petain will submit to Hitler's demands.

On the contrary, the Nazis were complaining yesterday that Petain's policy was too favourable to Britain and that so long as it continued Franco-German collaboration in France could not be resumed.

Berlin officials yesterday issued a sharp warning of "foreign reports" that Hitler's note to Petain was a trap.

The note was placed with Petain's secretary, General de Gaulle, in Paris, but he has not left Paris to deliver it.

According to the Swiss radio, de Gaulle telephoned Vichy after reading the note, and it is reasonable to assume that he outlined its contents.

RAIDERS GUN 3 VILLAGES

DAYLIGHT raiders machine-gunned a small town and three villages in East Anglia yesterday. A man was injured.

The manager of a works on the outskirts of another East Anglian town was killed when one of a stick of bombs demolished a building.

Ten people were injured, two seriously when a Dornier "Flying Pencil" made a low-level attack on an East Anglian coast town.

Bombs set fire to commercial premises, but A.F.S. men, going into action for the first time, prevented the fire from spreading.

In two hours the flames were under control.

Other bombs fell near cottages, blowing in doors and windows. Two fell in a churchyard.

Nuisance raiders were also reported over Liverpool and the East and West Midlands during the afternoon.

But the London area went for several hours without an "alert."

An Air Ministry communiqué last night said there had been "active" activity over parts of East Anglia. Bombs were dropped by single aircraft at several places in Norfolk and Suffolk.

U.S. WILL PASS LEASE-LEND BILL

Washington, Saturday.

MRS. S. H. H. O. M., Chairman of the House of Representatives Foreign Relations Committee, declared after an interview with Lord Halifax today that he had assured the British Ambassador that the "Lend and Lease" Bill would be passed by the House without a major change.—Reuters.

DOVER BOMBED FOR THREE HOURS

For nearly three hours before dawn yesterday, the German "range guns" were firing spasmodically across the fog-enshrouded Straits of Dover.

Only a single gun appeared to be in action. The first shell crashed into the Dover area about 3 a.m., and it was followed at irregular intervals.

No casualties were reported.

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FOOD FACTS

Number 27

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The crest of our mind-meeters are the great crops of the soil that bring you food, so don't waste it. You wouldn't if you did some more thinking yourself!

ON THE KITCHEN FRONT

Potato Carrot Pancake

Well-seasoned mashed potato combined with cooked carrot makes a wholesome and savoury-tasting pancake. Whip the mashed potato to a loose creamy consistency. Season with pepper and salt and add some sliced cooked carrot. Pan-fried slowly in a very little fat it develops a deliciously crisp crust, but it can be baked to a good brown in the oven if preferred.

Potato Basket

Scrub 1 lb. potatoes and boil gently in a very little water. When they are nearly cooked, drain off the liquid, reserving it for stock. Let them finish cooking in their own steam by covering them closely with a folded cloth under the lid and tending the saucapans at the feet of the stove until they are fluffy. Peel and mash well. Add a beaten egg and mash again. Grease a cake tin and coat it with browned breadcrumbs. Press in the mashed potatoes to form a thick lining to the tin. Bake in a hot oven for about 10 minutes. Meanwhile dice 1 lb. carrots, having cooked them for 15

Mrs. Bosanquet is the speaker on this week's Radio Kitchen Front at 8.15 every morning

minutes, and mix them with a sauce made from 1 oz. dripping, 1 oz. oatmeal and 1 pint milk of stock, and salt, pepper to taste. When the potato basket is cooked, turn it out and fill it with the hot carrot mixture. Heat in the oven for a few minutes and serve piping hot. (Enough for four.)

Oatmeal Stuffing

This is particularly useful for making meat, fish or poultry go further. Boil 3 oz. cornmeal oatmeal in 1 1/2 teacups full of water for 30 minutes. Mix with 2 ozs. breadcrumbs, salt and pepper, 1 teaspoonful minced onion, 1 teaspoonful chopped parsley, 1 grated onion (if you can get it) and a pinch of mace if liked. Bind with a little melted dripping if necessary.

Do you know?

1. That over-cooking meat not only spoils the flavour but makes it shrink too.
2. That by grating vegetables in a food chopper, the good vegetable soup can be made in 20 minutes.

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WILKIE OFFERS

ENDELL WILKIE, fresh from his night tour of the underground—London was obviously lost for words with that to describe it.

"I was impressed" and "deeply moved" were the phrases he used time after time in the night tour of the underground. "I met him late that evening in the Home Office, a tomb-like edifice so grim and solemn-looking that I do not wonder if there they decide not to reprieve murderers."

Wilkie had, before his trip, dined with Herbert Morrison, the Minister for Home Security, and Malcolm MacDonald, the Minister of Health, in that spectral building.

First, though, he was challenged by Morrison, who said: "Where's your gas mask? This is the Ministry of Home Security."

As Wilkie hadn't brought his, he was given one—and also a white tin helmet bearing the official "M.H.S." which is very posh.

So it was that, when his urbanity burst upon the crowds in the shelters, he heard: "That's him! The man in the white helmet!"

He had as guides only Ellen Wilkinson, Parliamentary Secretary to the Ministry of Health, and Charlie Key, Poplar's Mayor and M.P.

What is Parliamentary Secretary asked Wilkie, at dinner. "I don't know," said MacDonald. "I don't know."

Mr. Wilkie has an informal chat with Ernest Bevin.

discusses every difficulty that arises. "I thought back to the days of the Stone Age when, in the caves, the beginning of government, although perhaps it was then man with the biggest club who was the boss."

Remember that you are the beginnings of a new kind of democracy. "I said, addressing them: 'If you agree among yourselves as to what is wanted, the Cabinet will do it for you. It is anxious to see that your grievances are removed.'"

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Well, the party returned from its tour in a mood of mutual admiration. Wilkie was marvelling at the way Ellen Wilkinson, amazed at his easy manner with strangers, had said: "I don't want to go to the shelter. I don't want to go to the shelter. I don't want to go to the shelter."

As conditions became better, the Minister of Health, who was on this, I hear, is what the duties of the marshals were. "I don't know," said MacDonald. "I don't know."

Under the Blitz, East Enders were driven underground at night. "I don't know," said MacDonald. "I don't know."

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You remember how we won—according to the text book. After pages explaining why we had gone to war, the armies faced each other across the plain. You could always tell which was our side from oblongs shaded black in the map overleaf.

The enemy, so the historian said, outnumbered our men considerably. ANYWAY, FROM DAWN TO DUSK, OUR TANKS, OUR ARTILLERY, OUR INFANTRY, OUR CAVALRY CHARGED. But the British squares of redoubt, defiantly bent by their old shanks, stood fast.

"Or, if we must prepare a crisis thrust," launched at the right kick on our right flank, we rushed to victory.

The general's name was made famous by this manoeuvre and our success. He won a dukedom. He created a Marquess. He was knighted. He was made a peer. He was made a duke. He was made a duke. He was made a duke.

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SEEMS TO ME

Science Will Have a Big Say!

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EPIDEMICS—A WORD EVERY MOTHER DREADS

Not only parents but all those with children's health at heart, their keeping have extra care in this time of year. After the cold and winter months, the strain of recent diet and routine, forced changes in diet and routine, boys and girls are less able to resist infection. Their bodies' defences need re-inforcement if they are to keep fit and well.

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"MAN O' THE PEOPLE" writes on "Things That Matter to You and Me"

Hitler was the clever man so many people have said. He would have been careful not to threaten the United States just at this time. He is obviously afraid of America, and millions of Germans old enough to remember the last war must share his fear. In these circumstances, any sensible man would have tried to be conciliatory and persuasive, but Hitler has always been a bully and a braggart.

He has found it easy in the past to frighten little men and small countries. He is a fool to think he can frighten America and President Roosevelt.

Actually, of course, Hitler's sound and fury, his ninety minutes of frenzy and hysteria in Berlin's Sports Palace, were excellent propaganda for us.

Roosevelt was evidently waiting for this outburst, and answered it at once by releasing the text of the momentous plan he made to Lord Halifax just over a week ago.

The President and people of the United States will stand by that pledge to the limit. It guarantees American assistance to Great Britain on an ever-increasing scale.

Hitler does not use tobacco. If he did, he could put that in his pipe and smoke it!

The German dictator's boasts and threats are no longer among the things that matter to you and to me. We have heard them all before. He says he is going to attack us by air and sea. He says he is going to deliver his knock-out blow in the Spring.

Senator Ball, of Minnesota, remarked after he had read the speech: "I think we can 'let it go at that.'"

Our sole task and purpose in life is to be ready for the enemy, whether and wherever he may attack. Let the Nazis do the talking; we have work to do.

This brings me back to what we were discussing last Sunday—the irritating and futile "guess work" that is going on about Hitler's next move.

All sorts of people are still guessing. But the military experts differ without agreeing to do so. There is a notable "division of opinion" among them.

Some say Hitler will make a ferocious drive through the Balkans, or march into Spain and snaffle Gibraltar, or cut our Mediterranean lines of communication somewhere else. And, in addition to these "side-line" jobs, he is, of course, going to invade Great Britain.

What was it the Carpenter said to the Walrus? "The Carpenter said nothing but—'The butter's spread too thick!'"

What was it Mr. Stimson, the United States Secretary for War, said to the Senate Foreign Relations Committee in support of the President's "Lend or Lease" Bill to aid Britain?

"I'll tell you, he said: 'The German army is spread out very thin!'"

It must be thin because it has to cover two-thirds of the Continent and also to man that long, uneasy frontier which separates the Reich from Russia.

But it can't be "thinner" than some of the expert forecasts of what "Uncle Adolf" means to do next.

A FELLOW scribbler, commenting the other day upon some leader writing's approval of plans to comb men out of non-essential occupations, said: "Now then, Clumsy! This is dangerous ground."

How right he was! At the same time I like to think that Journalism is still an occupation of national importance, no matter how many essential pens are mutilated beneath its banner.

And if I am sometimes irritated by the experts and the armchair critics it is chiefly because so many of them "fall" so easily for any "fall story" that comes, directly or indirectly, out of enemy country.

When, for instance, did they get that yarn about the Nazis' 70,000 aeroplanes? Even Colonel Lindbergh, "the Flying Fool," never mentioned that figure.

"Man o' the People" simply disbelieves it. On the other hand, of course, the Air Ministry itself, let alone the warrior scribbler, cannot say for certain how many warplanes there are in Germany.

That being the case, it would surely be better to quote all enemy statistics with the utmost caution, if at all rather than give them big publicity in the first instance and then try to explain them away a day or two later.

ONE thing we know for certain: that is, that when Hitler's leader writes of the opportunity to overwhelm us after the fall of France, the Royal Air Force beats the Luftwaffe in a series of decisive air battles.

Do you think he could have made that challenge and suffered that defeat, when, all the time, he had thousands and thousands of first-line aeroplanes in reserve?

I find it hard to believe myself, but whether it be true or not, I have great confidence that we are far better able to resist another air onslaught than we were then.

We have the finest pilots in the world and the best machines for them to fly. Both become more numerous every day. We do not know how numerous, but nor does "Jerry." Our authorities don't boast; they leave the enemy to do his own guessing.

Mr. Stimson, the American War Secretary, to whom I referred just now, believes that we can survive the crisis which he expects to develop this Spring or early in the

Summer, "the probabilities of our ultimate victory are overwhelming."

That is why he is one hundred per cent behind Roosevelt in his resolve to give Great Britain the maximum help with the minimum delay.

What I liked most of all about his remarks was their refreshing candour. There was no pose of philanthropy, no talk of generosity to poor old John Bull.

"We are not seeking to make a loan to Great Britain," said Mr. Stimson bluntly; "we are seeking to purchase her aid in our own defence. We are buying our security while we prepare."

Few of our own public men would have cared, or dared, to say as much. They and the Britten Press have been extraordinarily careful not to tread on any American corns.

Nevertheless, what Mr. Stimson said was strictly true. We are grateful to the Americans for all they have done and will do for us. But we also are well aware that we are fighting their battle as well as our own.

"Uncle Sam" is no pawnbroker. We may have pledged our credit with him, but he is banking on our "advance."

IN the Middle East, General Wavell continues to advance with method and with speed. Derna has fallen, and the latest reports from this front indicate that his troops are streaking along a short cut to Benghazi.

Meanwhile, there's a long, long trail winding from the land of Mussolini's dream. You can see part of it in the picture on this page. Just one of Italian prisoners' foot-slogging out of the "Duce's" crumbling Empire!

If Germany had as many literary-military experts as we have, they would be busy now telling

Thought for Today
TRUE COURAGE SCORNS TO VENT HER PROWESS IN A STORM OF WORDS.

ing their public what Wavell and Churchill intend to do next. They might even be talking about our stronghold on the Mediterranean and our plans for a major offensive before the Summer's out!

EVEN as it is, their apologetic can find no apology for Graziani, who has lost two-thirds of his African army as well as his right for Count Clavio, the Fascist Foreign Minister, whose father-in-law, Mussolini, has just weeded him out of an essential occupation in which he seems to have proved essentially unfit.

"The Axis is vulnerable in many respects," said Mr. Stimson thoughtfully. "Italy is already in serious straits. In Norway and Rumania, we begin to hear the creaking of the strain under which the German power is labouring."

He might have added that every "big shot" in the Axis is personally "vulnerable" to the axe "when things go wrong."

To some extent this country has been forced to fight the enemy with his own weapons. Con-

scription is one of them, and the latest "call-up" is a matter of personal concern to this week-end to some fifteen hundred thousand youths of eighteen and nineteen and men of thirty-seven to forty, many of whom may have served in the last war.

Clearly the Government is resolved to raise a very large army as well as a highly-mechanized one. This being the case, the problem of Britain's man-power becomes still more acute.

"Man of the People," therefore, welcomes Mr. Bevin's decision to "take over" all existing industries with the large employers of labour and the trade union leaders.

Compulsion can be used—and will doubtless be used if necessary—to maintain an adequate supply of workers in essential industries, and women will gradually be called to replace men in every job which they can do equally well.

But it is devoutly to be hoped, firstly, that the big "comb-out" will not count thousands of people on to the scrap heap of unemployment, and, secondly, that the Services will not be allowed to waste the power upon which they draw.

OF course, there are many non-essential industries which could be closed down without serious loss to the nation as a whole, but to persuade their owners to do so is no easy task. The workers in these industries until they can be usefully re-employed in essential occupations.

Today—and it is no use to shirk the fact—there are "unlucky" people who are being squeezed out of their jobs by quotas, controls and restrictions of one kind and another. They would be grateful to be given any kind of alternative employment, but many of them are not.

In this matter, as in so many others, there is no such thing as "equality of sacrifice," and this makes the drastic revision of reserved occupations all the more necessary.

I am very glad to see that what the Government will expect employers to consider is not so much a man's age as the value of the work he is doing. Nothing else really matters, and it is a pity that the Navy, the Army and the Air Force do not always realise this.

ONE young fellow, now serving with an Air Force Squadron, tells me that he has joined up voluntarily because he was desperately keen to get into active service.

"Imagine my dismay," he writes, "when, after my three weeks' drill, I was put into the orderly room as a clerk! And I can't get out of it. I want to fight and they won't let me."

This complaint is a sample of many that have reached your correspondent. We were recently very sorry to understand that the Services would do some "comb-out" on of their own account. They can't start too soon.

THERE is only one other thing I want to mention to you today. Have you got your gas mask handy?

Now that's the sort of question that most of us ask when we see a London bus with its gas mask tubes, not more than one of us out of ten does bother to carry a gas mask at all.

This is very foolish. True, there is no special reason to expect a Nazi gas attack, but on the other hand, desperate men are apt to resort to the most desperate measures, and, sooner or later, Hitler will be a desperate man.

We ought to be prepared for the worst he may attempt at any time. We don't need to fear him, but we must be ready for him.

Hitler is the world's greatest bluffer, but he would not be master of two-thirds of Europe now if he were not a desperate man. He has prepared the forces of the free countries had been prepared to "call his bluff" while there was still time.

A Man o' the People

CIGARETTE PAPERS—By The Lounger

"THIN Italian war effort," says Signor Gaudino, the qualities of the dramatic performance. The Greenhorn, however, is not so sure.

Even if I have seen a bit of a handful of them, I am not so sure of their courage in both hands, by taking your word for it.

TODAY'S PROVERB
To make a man begin to think, is the wisest thing you do. For once you get your foot in, you'll soon get your hand in, too.

WISDOM WEEK BY WEEK
Just as an advance guard needs a main body, so ambitious needs action.

Your character should be solid as a rock, but your head needs to be a sponge.

LITTLE ALFIE ON "FEBRUARY FANCIES"
Sum people never did think much of the old February Fool. They thought that, owing to the frequent quality of his jokes, he was a bit of a bore.

But you all know what I think now. It's the Pandemonium, what? Even if it is a bit of a bore, it's a bit of a bore. It's the Pandemonium, what? Even if it is a bit of a bore, it's a bit of a bore.

THE WORLD ON PARADE

New 'Invasion' Of U.S.A.

BRITISH Embassy and Chancery Houses in largest diplomatic establishment in Washington has now an annex to accommodate overflow staff.

Embassy employs 130, and personnel of Purchasing and Air Commissions is 300.

New York office of Purchasing Commission employs 1,000. In addition, there are 500 inspectors, whose time is spent examining and testing armaments and war material being bought in U.S.A.

Nearly 14,000 Americans have so far given each a pint of blood being shipped to Britain by the American Red Cross.

In New York area eight hospitals are co-operating in running the service.

Blood plasma can be stored for a year and still be used.

Producing charcoal, one of America's greatest industries, needs an impetus during war time, because it is not only used in the manufacture of high explosives, but also forms an important protection against poison gas.

It is not the moth itself which does the damage, but the maggots from the eggs which it lays.

Museum
ONE of the most interesting collections of war souvenirs in the world is owned by Aberdeen (Maryland) officer.

It weighs 75 tons, and consists of 7,500 items, including guns, tanks, and aircraft.

"THE NIGHT OF PRIDE"
PRIDE goes down into darkness, when it's been unwisely used, it loses its solemn dignity, when its strength has been abused, it loses its power, and resembles a noisy bragging fool—the fall of pride is a bitter thing, from Life's throne to its drab toilet.

PRIDE is a glittering garment, donned by those who seek to parade their wealth, but it is a garment of shame; it is not a thing of grandeur, but a thing of mockery; it is not a thing of life, but a thing of death.

PRIDE has a short, bright day, before its shame-faced fall, but there's more remorse and anguish in its twilight long-term night; for so shoddy is its texture, that it won't remake nor mend. PRIDE seeks to dominate the world, but searches the world for a friend.

POSER
A hollow copper ball 9 in. in diameter weighs 9.85 lb. What is the smallest additional weight that will cause it to sink in fresh water?

Solution to last Sunday's poser: $10 \frac{1}{2}$ lb.

Air Wings
BRITAIN, above the belligerents, is the only country to have developed and commercial air services with anything like the pre-war regularity.

Such services have been cut down only 10 per cent since the outbreak of war, and have achieved after nearly a year and a half of war.

DID YOU KNOW THAT?
A DEN'S water supplies chiefly depend upon rainfall, being collected in huge tanks, supposed to have been installed by the orders of the Queen of Sheba.

Metal used in the silver currency of the century has so poor in quality that it soon wore thin and resulted in the "LOOKER-ON."

ADVERTISER'S ANNOUNCEMENT
For Blood, Veins, Arteries & Heart

Read What Users of 'Elasto' say:
"No sign of varicose veins now." "My legs are quite sound." "I am free from piles." "I am free from rheumatism and sciatica." "After having indoors for 10 years, I can now walk quite well." "My doctor marvelled at my recovery from phlebitis." "I have no more circulation, swelling, pain, or any of the things that used to trouble me." "I have been cured of my 'Elasto'."

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Take It—and Stop Limping!
EVERY expert should test this wonderful New Biomedical Remedy, which brings about the most complete and permanent cure of the system, a new health force, overcoming sluggish, unhealthy circulation, and restoring the body to its normal state, and thus, the healing powers of the body. No ailment resulting from poor or sluggish circulation, such as varicose veins, phlebitis, or any of the things that used to trouble me, can be cured by 'Elasto'.

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'Little Shop Round The Corner' Dramas

M.P.s May Press For Government Help

SPECIAL TO "THE PEOPLE"

HUNDREDS OF THOSE "SAD EYED MEN AND WOMEN," MANY OF THEM WIDOWS, WHO KEEP THE "LITTLE SHOP ROUND THE CORNER" AND WHO ARE NOW FACING RUIN HAVE WRITTEN TO THANK "THE PEOPLE" FOR BRINGING THEIR SAD PLIGHT TO THE NOTICE OF THE PUBLIC.

£4,500,000,000 Will Be Spent By Us In A Year

Our Political Correspondent
BRITAIN will spend more than £1,500,000,000 in the next financial year, which opens in April. That will be revealed by the Chancellor of the Exchequer in his coming budget speech.

Already the nation is spending approximately £12,000,000 a day. Taxes are bringing in £1,100,000,000 a year; savings £1,000,000,000 and other forms of income £800,000,000.

There will be an apparent deficiency of £1,000,000,000 in the next budget.

Carry Your Mask GAS IS BIG INVASION DANGER

Special to "The People"
CARRY YOUR GAS MASK! TOO MANY PEOPLE ARE GOING WITHOUT THEM NOWADAYS. THEY HAVE LEFT THEM ON SHELVES AT HOME, HAVE NOT LOOKED AT THEM FOR MONTHS, AND HAVE NOT THE LEAST IDEA WHETHER THEY ARE IN WORKING ORDER OR NOT.

When Hitler launches his attack he knows that such a gamble that he must now into the fray every gas mask he has got, and use may be one of them. He knows that such a gamble that he must now into the fray every gas mask he has got, and use may be one of them.

ADVERTISER'S ANNOUNCEMENT

How does she keep so Youthful and Charming

PROBABLY not one in ten could guess her real age. For, thanks to Bile Beans her complexion is flawless, her figure is attractively slim—and she's as active and vital now as when she was a girl.

You, too, can look and feel so young and enjoy perfect health by taking Bile Beans daily at bedtime. Bile Beans are purely vegetable, they tone the blood and daily eliminate poisoning results.

So start tonight with Bile Beans if you want to keep youthful, healthy and slim.

Each Night She Takes BILE BEANS

CARLA AND THE CROOK



CARLA LEHMANN, who does her well-known stuff in the film "Once a Crook," now in production.

"Too Many Wait On Too Few" RICH TO CUT STAFFS

BEVIN WILL END THIS WASTAGE

BY OUR INDUSTRIAL CORRESPONDENT
PROMPT ACTION BY MR. ERNEST BEVIN FOLLOWED MY DISCLOSURE A FORTNIGHT AGO THAT RESOURCES OF MAN-POWER AND WOMAN-POWER ARE BEING WASTED BECAUSE WEALTHY FAMILIES OF TWO OR THREE PEOPLE HAVE EIGHT, NINE AND TEN SERVANTS TO WAIT UPON THEM.

"TOO MANY TO WAIT ON TOO FEW" was the heading under which the disclosure appeared.

Mr. Will Thorne, the veteran Labour M.P. for Plaistow, has raised the matter in the Commons, and Mr. Bevin has assured him that these luxury staffs will be dealt with under his scheme for transferring labour from non-essential to essential work.

BIG CUTS

I am informed that Mr. Bevin himself has seen that where staffs of servants are maintained on an extravagant scale they will be cut down.

There will be no interference with the house that employs two or three maids, where the services of those maids are really necessary. But there will be big cuts in three mansions which employ more than five maids each.

TO FEED WORKERS

Idea that Mr. Bevin has in mind is that these domestic staffs, with their experience of household management, can be used for feeding centres.

Staffing communal feeding centres with A.P.S. and civil defence canteens.

Looking after centres for bombed-out families; Caring for the children of war-affected mothers; and so on.

In some cases the domestic staffs will be trained in semi-skilled engineering work.

Where damage has reduced the number of the accommodation available, the tenant has no alternative but to pay a premium, extra rent which will be paid to the landlord to charge on the house. The tenant has no choice but to pay a premium.

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"GOOD-TIME GIRLS" TO BE CALLED UP

BY OUR INDUSTRIAL CORRESPONDENT
MR. BEVIN IS TO LOSE NO TIME IN CALLING UP THE "GOOD-TIME GIRLS" WHO HAVE LEFT THE DANGER AREAS AND ARE NOW LIVING LEISURELY IN THE COUNTRY TOWNS—PARADING IN SLACKS, PLAYING BRIDGE IN THE AFTERNOONS AND DANCING AT NIGHT.

They will be among the first classes called to register at the unemployment exchanges for work in the munitions factories and other forms of national service.

The call-up will begin this month. Those signing on will include Mayday debutantes and daughters of well-to-do families who have never before had to work.

Another class of women on whom Mr. Bevin will impose an early call-up are those office and factory girls who have been bombed out of their home towns and are now living on unemployment allowances.

There are 50,000 of them. They have to report to the employment exchanges for duty in the next few weeks.

Like the girls from well-to-do families, they may be moved to any part of the country. Travelling expenses and billeting grants will be allowed.

At present more women than men are drawing unemployment benefits. Mr. Bevin intends to stop that. By midsummer he expects to have an extra 500,000 women in industry.

IRON GUARD CHIEF "WILL FIGHT ON"

Swiss radio stations carried the following story yesterday: "The Iron Guard chief, Dr. Horia Sima, the Rumanian Iron Guard leader, has been wounded in the head by a bullet from a British machine gun. He is now in a hospital in Bucharest, but he will continue the struggle against German Antisemitism, the Premier, was distributed by leaders in Bucharest yesterday.

Hundreds of leaflets bearing his message were distributed throughout the city by Iron Guard persons, it was said.—B.U.P.

"The People's" Secret Service News

(EXCLUSIVE)
PARTLY due to new developments in the war, very high percentage of the population in the enemy action close to our coasts has been saved.

Foodstuffs, metals and raw materials for munitions to be supplied to the enemy. The vessels listed in and service again is estimated to exceed £20,000,000.

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Bombed Homes Riddle RENT INQUIRY IS ORDERED

THE GOVERNMENT, DISSATISFIED WITH THE PRESENT POSITION REGARDING THE PAYMENT OF RENT FOR BOMB-DAMAGED HOUSES, HAS ORDERED AN INVESTIGATION OF THE WHOLE QUESTION.

New legislation will probably be introduced when they have completed their inquiry.

There have been a large number of decisions by County Courts, but they have done little to clarify the situation, and in the majority the tenant seems to have come off second best.

Points with regard to damaged houses which the Law Officers are considering include:

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Watch On Spies

LOVERS' ISLE HAS WAR JOB

Bermuda, Saturday
WAR has completely transformed Bermuda, the British island outpost in the West Indies, 750 miles from New York.

It used to be a paradise for honeymooners. Now it is thronged with officials who keep an eye on spying and shipments of contraband.

There is a staff of about 800 Government and Army authorities from Britain, but known of which are the censors, who have a staggering quantity of work, and the Pan-American Airways Clippers and ships of the American export lines are regularly touching at the island.

Passengers bound for the war zone have to give up soap, matches, sugar, coffee, and other commodities declared contraband by the British blockade.

CONSTANT PROBLEM

In the case of some Italian officials from a Fair in New York, who were travelling and special U.S. Government visas, their gold and jewellery, and all the other things they were travelling with, was left with the British blockade.

Travellers to the occupied countries provide a constant problem for the British authorities. The status of persons returning to occupied countries is a constant problem.

Co-operation of the United States is signalled by the presence of American sailors, who are there to establish a liaison with the U.S. Fleet, under the terms of the destroyer-for-bases exchange between the two Governments.—B.U.P.

MANSLAUGHTER CHARGE

Although his solicitor submitted the affair was an accident, Pitt John Bingham (Lines) committed to Lincolnshire Assizes on the charge of manslaughter at the trial at Middlesbrough.

Part of a rifle bullet was found in Conway's liver.

Accused innocent, not guilty and reserved his defence.

February-March
2 Critical Months
Ovaltine will help you through them—

AT the best of times the early months of the year constitute a scorching test of health. This year, to the usual colds of winter, we have added the difficulties of wartime conditions. Yet never was it so important to be fit as to pull your full weight for the national effort.

For these reasons, 'Ovaltine' should be your daily beverage. It provides these vitally important protein and carbohydrate elements which enable you to resist the additional strain imposed upon you.

Make 'Ovaltine' your bedtime beverage. Although entirely free from drugs, has the advantage of inducing sleep quickly and of the best kind, so that you can rest and revitalize your body.

Remember that 'Ovaltine' is 100 per cent natural. It is made from the finest ingredients, and is completely free from drugs.

With 'Ovaltine' as your constant standby you can face these critical months with new confidence and vigor. You can resist the colds and maintain health and fitness. But be sure it is 'Ovaltine' which is very different from imitations made to look the same.

Obviously, 'Ovaltine' could be cheapened by the use of inferior ingredients. But 'Ovaltine' is not. It is made from the finest ingredients, and is completely free from drugs.

Women with large families are even being urged to give up all other domestic claims to work for the State.

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